REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the decision of the Board of Appeals and Interferences, the rejection of Claim 19 has been reversed. Thus, this claim has been canceled and the subject-matter thereof has been incorporated into independent Claim 2. In addition, independent claim 1 has been canceled, and claim 34 has been amended to depend directly from independent claim 2. Thus, the claims now presented are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is earnestly solicited. .

It is believed there are no other claim fees associated with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there should be any fee deficiencies associated with this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge such fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

If there are any questions concerning this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his/her earliest convenience.

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